



FOOD SERVICE FLASH!

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Attention: Supply Officer/Food Service Officer

Purpose: To provide clarification when subsisting from a General Mess.

Discussion: When a Private Officers' Mess or Chief Petty Officers' Mess subsists from the General Mess, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Publication 486, Volume 1, Food Service Management General Messes, Paragraph 2201.4, applies as follows: "Private Officers' or Chief Petty Officers' Messes subsisting out of the General Mess will utilize the same menu as the General Mess, and will be provided with the required amount of rations to feed the number of persons subsisting in that mess. If additional items are desired by the Private Mess and are not on the standard menu for that day, those items will be purchased separately in the form of a bulk sale. The use of subsistence appropriation funds (Subsistence in Kind (SIK) account) to defray the cost of these additional food items is not authorized."

Orders placed by a Private Officers' Mess or Chief Petty Officers' Mess outside of the general mess are the responsibility of that Private Mess requisitioning the food items. Only the General Mess has the authorization to purchase food items with the SIK line of accounting. Food items procured by the General Mess are supported by the current menu and are to be provided to the entire crew. When the Private Mess procures food items that are not part of the General Mess menu they should be purchased as a bulk sale through the General Mess with private mess funds.

Please direct questions or concerns to the Design and Automation Team Lead at Elizabeth.Haldeman@navy.mil, COM 717-605-7443 or DSN 430-7443.

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